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EMBASSY CAN IDENTIFY SEVERAL PROJECTS AT THIS TIME WHICH SHOULD BE USEFUL TO POST AND INTERESTING TO SUMMER INTERN. THEY ARE IN ROUGH ORDER OF PRIORITY IN TERMS THEIR USEFULNESS TO POST.

1. HELP COORDINATE US PARTICIPATION IN NDOLA TRADE FAIR SCHEDULED FOR EARLY JULY. IF APPROVED, USG PARTICIPATION WILL INVOLVE JOINT COMMERCE SPONSORED TRADE PROMOTION DISPLAY ON HEALTH CARE PRODUCTS AND USIS DISPLAY ON US BICENTENNIAL. THUS, INTERN COULD GAIN USEFUL EXPERIENCE AND INSIGHT IN BOTH TRADE AND USIS PROGRAMS AS WELL AS MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO SUCCESS OF THIS IMPORTANT US PROMOTIONAL EFFORT. SINCE TRADE FAIR WILL BE HELD IN NDOLA, LOCATED 200 MILES NORTH OF LUSAKA IN HEART OF COPPERBELT PROVINCE, INTER WOULD ALSO GET EXPOSURE TO AREA OUTSIDE LUSAKA AND DEVELOP USEFUL BUSINESS CONTACTS WITH US FIRMS LOCATED IN COPPERBELT. HE COULD BE CALLED ON SPECIFICALLY TO ASSIST IN ADVANCE PREPARATION IN NODLA AND TO CO-MANAGE COMMERCE DISPLAY WITH USDOC DESIGNATED INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN.

2. A PROJECT IN DEVELOPMENT FIELD COULD BE SYSTEMATIC FOLLOW UP OF PAST EMBASSY-ASSISTED SELF-HELP PROJECTS (AS DONE BY SUMMER

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INTERN IN IVORY COAST LAST YEAR) AND IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE

NEW PROJECTS. THIS OVERALL PROJECT WOULD GIVE INTERN GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO COORDINATE WITH GRZ OFFICES CONCERNED, TO STUDY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AT GRASSROOTS LEVEL BOTH IN LUSAKA AND OUTSIDE, AND GIVE HIM GOOD INTRODUCTION TO ZAMBIAN SOCIETY IN GENERAL. PROJECT WOULD GIVE EMBASSY BETTER EVALUATION OF PAST PERFORMANCE AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF SELF-HELP PROGRAM THAN WE HAVE TIME TO DO WITH OUR SMALL STAFF.

3. POSSIBLE POLITICAL/ECONOMIC PROJECT WOULD BE TO STUDY COMPREHENSIVE GRZ REFORMS IN GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND SOCIAL FIELDS ANNOUNCED LAST JUNE 30 IN PRESIDENT'S "WATERSHED SPEECH" AND TO ANALYZE STATUS OF THESE REFORMS ONE YEAR LATER BY TALKING WITH THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED. AGAIN, THIS WOULD GIVE INTERN GOOD INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS HERE AND PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH USEFUL ANALYSIS.

4. ANOTHER PROJECT (WITH BUSINESS/LABOR ORIENTATION) WOULD BE STUDY OF HOW US FIRMS ARE ADJUSTING TO CHANGING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF LABOR PRACTICES AND PROGRAMS TO ZAMBIANIZE THEIR WORK FORCE AND TO PROMOTE WORKER PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT AND PROFITS OF BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN CONFORMANCE WITH NEW REQUIREMENTS BEING LEVIED BY GRZ.

5. PROJECT IN FIELD OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS WOULD BE STUDY OF ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONINGHQF PARASTATAL SYSTEM HERE-- THAT HUGE COMPLEX OF GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS AND GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED COMPANIES WHICH NOW PERFORM MANY KEY FUNCTIONS BASIC TO ZAMBIAN ECONOMY AND WHICH ARE GRADUALLY REPLACING PRIVATE SECTOR.

6. RECOGNIZE THAT BOTH TIME FACTOR AND INTERN'S INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE MAY LIMIT HIM TO TACKLING ONLY ONE OR TWO OF THESE LARGER PROJECTS. PROGRAM CAN BE MORE PRECISELY MAPPED OUT ONCE INTERN ARRIVES LUSAKA AND HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY REVIEW THESE AND POSSIBLE LATER ADDITIONS WITH POST.
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